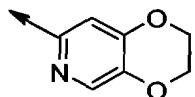


REMARKS

Claim 4 is being amended to correct a typographical error. Support for this amendment is found in original claim 1 (see specification page 24, lines 24-25). Claim 7 is being amended to include an additional embodiment of the moiety R⁴. Support for this amendment is found in the specification at page 3, line 23 to page 4, line 28; and page 6, lines 13 and 24-25. No new matter is being added.

The additional R⁴ group being added to claim 7 is represented by the following structure:



Thus, the additional R⁴ group is encompassed by R⁴ as defined in allowed claim 1. That is, it

- is an unsubstituted heterocyclic ring system;
- contains 1 heteroatom in ring (a) [i.e., N] and 2 heteroatoms in ring (b) [i.e., 2 oxygen atoms];
- ring (a) is aromatic and ring (b) is non-aromatic;
- X¹ is C;
- X² is CR⁵ wherein R⁵ is H;
- X³ and X⁵ are C;
- Y¹ is a 2 atom linker group, i.e., -N-CR⁵- wherein R⁵ is H (wherein the N is connected to X¹ and CR⁵ is connected to X⁵); and
- Y² is a 4 atom linker group, i.e., -O-CR⁵R⁶-CR⁵R⁶-O- wherein R⁵ and R⁶ are in each instance hydrogen (wherein the oxygens are connected to X³ and X⁵ respectively).

In accordance with the requirements set forth in MPEP 714.16 (700-264, Rev.5, Aug 2006), Applicants submit the following further remarks. The amendment to claim 7 is needed to particularly claim an embodiment presently preferred by Applicants. As discussed above, the additional R⁴ group is encompassed by claim 1, which has been allowed, and is clear and definite in meaning. Accordingly, the proposed amendment to claim 7 should not require additional search or examination, and should also be deemed patentable. The amendment to claim 7 was not presented earlier as its omission from the claim was discovered during an internal

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review of the allowed claims following receipt of the Notice of Allowance mailed on Jan. 22, 2007.

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicants respectfully request entry of this amendment.

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